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FIREPROOF TESTING - CURTAIN WALL

ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, MESSRS F. H. WERNEKE AND SAM GALLIK OF THE PORT AUTHORITY AND C. WOLFF OF EMERY ROTH VISITED THE ASSOCIATED TESTING LABORATORIES, IN CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, TO WITNESS THE FIREPROOFING TESTS. THIS VISIT WAS PRE ARRANGED WITH THE LABORATORIES.

ON ARRIVAL THEY FOUND NOTHING IN READINESS. IN FACT, THE TESTS THAT WERE FINALLY CONDUCTED WERE OF NO APPRECIABLE VALUE. TO QUOTE MESSRS WERNEKE & GALLIK "IT WAS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME".

IN A CONVERSATION WITH D. WERNEKE TODAY, HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAS ARRANGED WITH TONY FARANDA TO HAVE TESTS PERFORMED AT THE SITE. THEY WILL USE STEEL SECTIONS AND PERFORM VARIOUS TESTS UNDER ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THE TESTING AT THE SITE IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ALL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS COULD BE DUPLICATED WITHIN A GIVEN TIME.

THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THAT WE STILL PURSUE TESTING AT THE LABORATORY.

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